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Ms. Laurie Duarte  
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Dear Ms. Duarte:

I am writing as a citizen and small-business owner who has an interest in the federal government receiving fair value in its contracts for goods and services. I am very pleased to note the important policy initiatives proposed in the Federal Acquisition Regulations April 3, 2001 edition of the Federal Register.

The action taken in the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Federal Register will bring to closure the acquisitions policy initiated in FAR Case 1999-010. It is important that it be overturned because it is a redundant policy with both unwise application and a multitude of unforeseeable consequences. It exposes small businesses to unfair denial of federal contracts based on any violation of a vast array of complicated federal laws in the past three years. This would mean the even unproven allegations or citations from the past that had been resolved could keep a company from winning federal contracts.

Important reforms in acquisition policy are clearly needed to open up opportunities for small business and independent contractors. I hope the GSA and the FAR Secretariat can turn their attention to the important pro competitive provision required for the future.

Sincerely,



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